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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters of key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES

(By Basins)

Refer to the map on the following page for Snow Course locations.

NUMBER NAME SEC. TWP. RGE. ELEV.

Snake River Basin

Snake River

15H1MA	BEAR CREEK	31	46N	58E	7800
15H2	FOX CREEK	33	46N	58E	6800
15H13A	GOAT CREEK	31	46N	60E	8800
15H15A	HUMMINGBIRD SPRINGS	6	45N	60E	8945
14H1	JACKS CREEK	6	42N	62E	7000
15H20a	MERRITT MOUNTAIN	10	46N	54E	7000
15H14	POLE CREEK RANGER STATION	13	46N	59E	8330
15H18a	REO POINT	15	47N	61E	7940
15H3A	76 CREEK	6	44N	58E	7100
15H19a	STAG MTN.	29	41N	58E	7800

Owyhee River

15H4MP	BIG BEND	30	45N	56E	6700
16H6a	COLUMBIA BASIN	31	44N	53E	6650
16H8a	FAWN CREEK	2	45N	52E	7000
15H5	GULO CREEK	32	45N	56E	6800
16H1M	JACK CREEK, LOWER	18	42N	53E	6800
16H2A	JACK CREEK, UPPER	9	42N	53E	7250
16H4	JACKS PEAK	28	42N	53E	8420
16H5	LAUREL CRAW	20	45N	53E	6700
17G4a	LOUSE CANYON (OREG.)	27	40S	44E	6440
15H9MP	TAYLOR CANYON	35	39N	53E	6200

Interior

Upper Humboldt River

15J17a	AMERICAN BEAUTY	32	31N	58E	7800
15J12A	CORRAL CANYON	27	28N	57E	8500
15J1MP	ORSEY BASIN	28	35N	60E	8100
15J3	ORY CREEK	5	34N	60E	6500
15H7	FRY CANYON	31	43N	54E	6700
15J9MP	GREEN MOUNTAIN	23	29N	57E	8000
15J10	HARRISON PASS #1	9	28N	57E	6600
15J11	HARRISON PASS #2	16	28N	57E	7400
15J4	LAMOILLE #1	15	32N	58E	7100
15J5	LAMOILLE #2	14	32N	58E	7200
15J6M	LAMOILLE #3	24	32N	58E	7700
15J7	LAMOILLE #4	19	32N	59E	8000
15J8P	LAMOILLE #5	31	32N	59E	8700
15J18a	POLE CANYON	31	35N	61E	9140
15J16a	ROBINSON LAKE	23	33N	59E	9200
15H6MP	ROOPE FLAT	36	43N	53E	6800
15J2	RYAN RANCH	1	34N	59E	5800
15H8	TREMEWAN RANCH	9	39N	55E	5700
15H10P	TROUT CREEK, LOWER	28	37N	61E	6900
15H11A	TROUT CREEK, UPPER	4	36N	61E	8550

Lower Humboldt River

17K1	BIG CREEK CAMP GROUND	10	17N	43E	6600
17K2	BIG CREEK MINE	23	17N	43E	7600
17K3	BIG CREEK, UPPER	26	17N	43E	7800
17H2	BUCKSKIN, LOWER	25	45N	39E	6700
17H1	BUCKSKIN, UPPER	11	45N	39E	8200
17L1	CORRAL, LOWER	12	11N	40E	7500
17L2	CORRAL, UPPER	20	11N	41E	8000
17J2	GOLCONDA #2	22	35N	39E	6000
17H4	GRANITE PEAK	22	44N	39E	7800
17H5	LAMANCE CREEK	13	42N	38E	6000
17H3	MARTIN CREEK	18	44N	40E	6700
16H3AP	MIDAS	18	39N	46E	7200
16H7	TOE JAM a	29	40N	50E	7700

Eastern Nevada

14L1	BAKER #1	29	13N	69E	7950
14L2	BAKER #2	30	13N	69E	8950
14L3	BAKER #3	25	13N	68E	9250
14K1	BERRY CREEK	26	17N	65E	9100
14K2	BIRD CREEK	34	19N	65E	7500
15J13	CAVE CREEK	25	27N	57E	7500
15J14	HAGER CANYON	34	27N	57E	8000
15J15	HOLE-IN-MTN	6	35N	61E	7900
14K8	KALAMAZOO CREEK	34	20N	65E	7400
14K3	MURRAY SUMMIT	25	16N	62E	7250
15K1	ROBINSON SUMMIT	34	18N	61E	7600
14K7	SILVER CREEK #2	30	16N	69E	8000
14K5	WARD MOUNTAIN #2	25	15N	62E	8900

Central Great Basin

18M2	CAMPITO MTN (CAL.)	19	5S	35E	10200
18M5a	CHISTOVICH FLAT	32	2S	34E	10500
15N2	CLARK CANYON	8	19S	56E	9000
18M1	MONTGOMERY PASS	4	1N	33E	7100
18M3a	PINCHOT CREEK	28	1N	33E	9300
18M4a	PIUTE PASS (CAL.)	33	4S	33E	11700
15N1	TROUGH SPRINGS	23	18S	55E	8500

Northern Great Basin

19H1	BALO MOUNTAIN	17	45N	21E	6720
20H5	BARBER CREEK (CAL.)	23	39N	16E	6500
20H6	CEDAR PASS (CAL.)	12	43N	14E	7100
19G6a	DEWIT CREEK (OREG.)	14	41S	34E	6000
18H1	DISASTER PEAK	8	47N	34E	6500
20H3a	DISMAL SWAMP (CAL.)	31	48N	22E	7000
20H7	EAGLE PEAK (CAL.)	35	40N	15E	7200
19H3	49-MTN	7	42N	19E	6000
19H2	HAYS CANYON	1	39N	18E	6400
19H4a	LITTLE BALLY MTN	8	45N	19E	6000
20H9	MT. SNOWELL	6	47N	16E	7200
20H10	NORTH STAR	13	47N	15E	6200
17G5a	OREGON CANYON (OREG.)	9	40S	40E	7240
17H6a	QUINN RIDGE	9	47N	41E	6300
20H4	RESERVATION CREEK (CAL.)	12	46N	15E	5900
18G5a	TROUT CREEK (OREG.)	10	41S	38E	7800

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Lake Tahoe

20L5	ECHO SUMMIT (CAL.)	6	11N	18E	7450
19L2	FREEL BENCH (CAL.)	36	12N	18E	7300
19K6	GLENBROOK #2	13	14N	18E	6900
19L3MSZ	HAGANS MEADOW (CAL.)	36	12N	18E	8000
20L4	LAKE LUCILLE (CAL.)	28	12N	17E	8200
19K4MSTZ	MARLETTE LAKE	18	15N	19E	8000
20L3	RICHARDSON #2 (CAL.)	6	12N	18E	6500
20L1	RUBICON #1 (CAL.)	6	13N	17E	8100
20L2	RUBICON #2 (CAL.)	6	13N	17E	7500
20K16	TAHOE CITY (CAL.)	6	15N	17E	6250
19L1	UPPER TRUCKEE (CAL.)	21	12N	18E	6400
20K17M	WARD CREEK (CAL.)	21	15N	16E	7000
20K25STZ	WARD CREEK #2 (CAL.)	21	15N	16E	6750

Truckee River

20K14	80CA #2 (CAL.)	28	18N	17E	5900
20K22	BROCKWAY SUMMIT (CAL.)	3	17N	16E	7100
20K21	ODNNER PARK #2 (CAL.)	18	17N	16E	6000
20K10*	ODNNER SUMMIT (CAL.)	25	17N	14E	6900
20K7*	FORDYCE LAKE (CAL.)	34	18N	13E	6500
20K8	FURNACE FLAT (CAL.)	10	17N	13E	6700
19L10	HEAVENLY VALLEY	1	12N	17E	8800
20K4MP	INDEPENDENCE CAMP (CAL.)	34	19N	15E	7000
20K3	INDEPENDENCE CREEK (CAL.)	14	19N	15E	6500
20K5	INDEPENDENCE LAKE (CAL.)	9	18N	15E	8450
19K3	LITTLE VALLEY	17	16N	19E	6300
19K2	MT. ROSE	7	17N	19E	9000
19K7	MT. ROSE SKI AREA	30	17N	19E	9000
20K6	SAGE HEN CREEK (CAL.)	7	18N	16E	6500
20K19	SOUAV VALLEY #2 (CAL.)	6	15N	16E	7500
20K13M	TRUCKEE #2 (CAL.)	22	17N	16E	6400
20K2	WEBBER LAKE (CAL.)	29	19N	14E	7000
20K1*	WEBBER PEAK (CAL.)	30	19N	14E	8000

Carson River

19L5	BLUE LAKES (CAL.)	30	9N	19E	8000
19L4	CARSON PASS, UPPER (CAL.)	22	10N	18E	8600
19K5	CLEAR CREEK	6	14N	19E	7300
19L19a	EBBETTS PASS (CAL.)	17	8N	20E	8700
19L16a	FISH VALLEY, UPPER (CAL.)	18	7N	22E	8050
19L06a	POISON FLAT (CAL.)	25	8N	21E	7900
19L18a	WET MEADOWS LAKE (CAL.)	26	9N	19E	8100
19L20a	WOLF CREEK (CAL.)	35	8N	20E	8000

Walker River

19L11	BUCKEYE FORKS (CAL.)	20	4N	23E	8500
19L10	BUCKEYE ROUGHS (CAL.)	15	4N	23E	7900
19L12A	CENTER MOUNTAIN (CAL.)	4	3N	23E	9400
18L1	LAPON MEADOW	36	8N	28E	9000
19L8	LEAVITT MEADOWS (CAL.)	4	5N	22E	7200
19L17a	LOBLOLL LAKE (CAL.)	20	7N	24E	9200
18L2	MT. GRANT	23	8N	28E	9000
19L7M	SONORA PASS (CAL.)	1	5N	21E	8800
19L23STZ	SONORA PASS BRIDGE	6	5N	22E	8800
19M1*	TIOGA PASS (CAL.)	30	1N	25E	9900
19L13M	VIRGINIA LAKES (CAL.)	5	2N	25E	9500
19L9	WILLOW FLAT (CAL.)	21	5N	23E	8250
19L22a	VIRGINIA LAKES RIDGE	32	3N	25E	9200

Colorado

Lower Colorado River

15N5	KYLE CANYON	27	19S	56E	8200
15N4	LEE CANYON #1	10	19S	56E	8400
15N3	LEE CANYON #2	9	19S	56E	9200
15N8	LEE CANYON #3	10	19S	56E	8500
14M1	MATHEW CANYON	10	6S	70E	6000
14M2	PINE CANYON	23	6S	69E	6200
15N7	RAINBOW CANYON #2	6	20S	57E	8100
15L1	WHITE RIVER #1	31	13N	59E	7400

LEGEND

NUMBERING SYSTEM (EXAMPLE)

19K4	SNOW COURSE ONLY
19K4S	SNOW COURSE AND SNOW PILLOW
19K4M	SNOW COURSE AND SOIL MOISTURE
19K4A	SNOW COURSE AND AERIAL MARKER
19K4P	SNOW COURSE AND STORAGE PRECIPITATION GAGE
19K4MA	SNOW COURSE, SOIL MOISTURE AND AERIAL MARKER
19K4MP	SNOW COURSE, SOIL MOISTURE AND PRECIPITATION GAGE
19K4STZ	SNOW COURSE, SNOW PILLOW AND TEMPERATURE RADIO TELEMETERED.

LOWER CASE LETTERS m, a, d, s, l, z, INDICATE NO SNOW COURSE, ONLY A SOIL MOISTURE STATION, AERIAL MARKER, STORAGE PRECIPITATION GAGE, SNOW PILLOW, TEMPERATURE, OR RADIO TELEMETERED.

*LOCATED ON ADJACENT WATERSHED

LEGEND

- Much Above Average Water Supply
- Near Average Water Supply
- Below Average Water Supply
- Much Below Average Water Supply

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

AS OF MAY 1, NEVADA'S WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR IRRIGATED STREAMS SHOULD BE NEAR AVERAGE THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE STATE, ALTHOUGH PEAK FLOWS FROM THE REMAINING SNOWPACK WILL BE BELOW AVERAGE BECAUSE OF THE MARCH TEMPERATURES WHICH CAUSED EXCESSIVE EARLY RUNOFF FROM THE LOW SNOW. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A COOLER APRIL WITH FREEZING NIGHTS WHICH SLOWED THE RUNOFF CYCLE, CREATING A MORE CONTROLLED SNOWMELT.

RESERVOIR STORAGE IS EXCELLENT THROUGHOUT THE STATE (140 PERCENT OF NORMAL) WHICH WILL INSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES FOR AREAS IRRIGATED FROM THESE WATERS.

Natural streamflow resulting from the remaining Sierra Nevada snowpack will be below normal (around 80 percent). Record-setting high March temperatures coupled with near normal April temperatures caused an early depletion of the low and mid-elevation snowpack. The remaining high-elevation snowpack is 103 percent of normal for this date. It has increased slightly during April.

Streamflow from the Jarbidge Mountains north of Elko will continue to be above average from the remaining snowpack which is 143 percent of average for this date.

The Ruby Mountains south of Elko have below average snow and Lamoille Creek and the South Fork of the Humboldt River will reflect this with slightly

below normal flows (about 90 percent).

The warm temperatures have depleted the entire snowpack throughout Central and Southern Nevada, and only high elevation snow remains in the mountains near Ely.

Small streams originating from the lower mountains throughout the state will have deficient late summer flows due to the early melt.

Early depletion of the low elevation snow has caused the May soil moisture to be below average throughout the state. The forest foliage is drying rapidly, and an early fire season is already here in many areas. The outlook is for a long, critical fire season this summer.



STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: May 1, 1972

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average +
<u>TRUCKEE RIVER</u>				
Little Truckee River above Boca, Calif. ¹	May-July	47	80	59
Truckee River at Farad, Calif. ¹	May-July	150	79	189
Lake Tahoe Rise in Feet (From May 1 assuming gates closed)	May-High	.75	71	1.06
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>				
East Carson near Gardnerville, Nevada	May-July	113	79	143
West Carson at Woodsfords, Calif.	May-July	32	80	40
Carson River near Carson City, Nevada	May-July	97	72	134
Carson River at Fort Churchill, Nevada	May-July	86	70	123
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>				
East Walker near Bridgeport, Calif. ¹	May-Aug.	38	70	54
West Walker below Little Walker near Coleville, Calif.	May-July	103	82	125
<u>COLORADO RIVER</u>				
Virgin River at Virgin, Utah	May-June	10	45	22
<u>HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>				
Lamoille Creek near Lamoille, Nevada	May-July	23	96	24
South Fork Humboldt near Elko, Nevada	May-July	45	90	50
Marys River above Hot Springs, Nevada	May-July	25	120	21
North Fork Humboldt at Devils Gate, Nevada	May-July	24	141	17
Humboldt River at Palisade, Nevada	May-July	124	102	122
Humboldt River at Comus, Nevada	May-July	94	110	85
Martin Creek near Paradise, Nevada	May-July	9	100	9

+ 1953-1967 period.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: May 1, 1972

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average †
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>				
Owyhee River near Owyhee, Nevada ¹	May-July	50	132	38
Owyhee River near Gold Creek, Nevada ¹	May-July	15	188	8
Salmon Falls Creek near San Jacinto, Nevada	May-July	65	151	43
<u>SURPRISE VALLEY</u>				
Bidwell Creek near Ft. Bidwell, Calif.	May-July	15.3	170	9.0
Deep Creek near Cedarville, Calif.	May-July	3.7	170	2.2
Eagle Creek near Eagleville, Calif.	May-July	6.8	180	3.8
Mill Creek near Cedarville, Calif.	May-July	6.5	185	3.5
1 Corrected for storage				

PEAK FLOWS (MAXIMUM MEAN DAILY) (Av. flow for 24 hrs. on day of greatest flow)

FORECAST POINT	PEAK FLOW (SECOND FEET)	
	Forecast Range	Average †
Little Truckee River - Inflow to Stampede Reservoir	680-740	902
East Fork Carson River near Gardnerville, Nevada	1140-1250	1724
Carson River near Carson City, Nevada	1240-1370	1825
Carson River at Fort Churchill, Nevada	1080-1190	1678
West Walker River below Little Walker near Coleville, Calif.	1200-1340	1548

FORECAST DATE of LOW FLOW VALUES

FORECAST POINT	Low Flow Value Second/Ft.	Forecast Date Stream Will Recede to Low Flow Value	Average Date of Low Flow Value
East Carson River near Gardnerville, Nevada	200	7/8	7/23

SOIL MOISTURE MEASUREMENTS

STATION	Profile (Inches)		Soil Moisture (Inches)		
	Depth	Capacity	Date	This Year	Average †
<u>OWYHEE-HUMBOLDT BASIN</u>					
Bear Creek	72	16.9	4/27	13.5	16.4*
Big Bend	48	16.7	4/25	10.0	10.5*
Rodeo Flat	42	11.0	4/25	7.6	8.3*
Taylor Canyon	48	15.1	4/26	13.1	14.4*
<u>TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN</u>					
Hagans Meadow	36	3.7	4/26	3.0	3.0*
Independence Camp	34	6.1	4/24	2.8	5.4*
Marlette Lake	50	3.7	4/26	1.8	3.5*
Truckee #2	48	3.6	No Survey		-
Ward Creek	49	5.8	4/27	3.6	5.5*
<u>WALKER BASIN</u>					
Sonora Pass	48	8.3	4/25	8.3	8.3*
Virginia Lakes Ridge	40	5.0	4/25	3.9	-
* Adjusted average					

† 1953-1967 period.

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) as of May 1, 1972

Basin or Stream	RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
			This Year	Last Year	Average†
Owyhee	Wild Horse	72	74	71	25
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	179	188	190	83
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,689	1,706	1,717
Colorado	Mead	27,217	17,015	16,326	16,002
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	582	597	462
Truckee	Boca	41	33	33	25
Truckee	Prosser**	30	13	17	13*
Truckee	Stampede	220	131	122	***
Carson	Lahontan	314	277	236	222
West Walker	Topaz	59	41	44	42
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	37	41	31
* Adjusted average ** Flood control use allocation of 20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 10. *** Storage began August 1, 1969					

TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet)

MONTH	This Year	Last Year	Average†
October 1	1,038	936	656
January 1	1,100	1,026	660
February 1	1,111	1,072	715
March 1	1,140	1,105	768
April 1	1,227	1,175	839
May 1	1,232	1,212	890
The above data developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1,000 Acre-Feet. TOTAL USABLE CAPACITY 1439			

† 1953-1967 period.

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE NAME	THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
				Last Year	Average †
<u>LAKE TAHOE</u>					
Echo Summit (Calif.)	4/29	46	24.0	35.7	22.4
Freel Bench (Calif.)	4/26	1	0.1	3.7	-
Hagans Meadow	4/26	7	4.1	6.8	-
Heavenly Valley	4/27	54	25.2	32.9	-
Marlette Lake	4/26	24	11.4	23.0	-
Upper Truckee	4/26	1	0.1	-	-
Ward Creek #2 (Calif.)	4/27	74	35.0	53.0	-
Ward Creek #3 (Calif.)	4/27	66	33.4	49.0	-
<u>TRUCKEE RIVER</u>					
Donner Summit (Calif.)	4/25	56	28.1	51.5a	28.9
Fordyce Lake (Calif.)	4/25	65	32.9	57.4	31.7*
Furnace Flat (Calif.)	4/25	81	41.3	71.9	39.6*
Independence Camp (Calif.)	4/24	25	11.5	28.0	14.4*
Independence Lake (Calif.)	4/24	92	39.9	59.6	34.8*
Mount Rose Ski Area	4/26	79	35.9	52.4	-
Sage Hen Creek (Calif.)	4/26	15	6.4	19.0	-
Squaw Valley #2 (Calif.)	4/30	91	44.6	65.1	-
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>					
Blue Lakes	4/27	66	28.9	39.8	29.7
Carson Pass, Upper (Calif.)	4/25	67	34.5	39.5	31.5
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>					
Sonora Pass (Calif.)	4/25	35	16.3	19.5	18.0*
Virginia Lakes (Calif.)	Course plowed out			-	13.5*
Virginia Lakes Ridge (Calif.)	4/25	32	11.2	12.8	-
<u>NORTHERN GREAT BASIN</u>					
Cedar Pass (Calif.)	5/1	35	17.6	20.4	9.8
<u>OWYHEE RIVER</u>					
Big Bend	4/25	10	4.1	0.1	0.9*
Gold Creek	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
Jack Creek, Lower	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.2*
Jack Creek, Upper	4/26	14	5.3	6.6	3.5*
Jacks Peak	4/26	93	36.6	38.5	26.6*
Laurel Draw	4/26	0	0.0	-	-
Taylor Canyon	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.1*

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

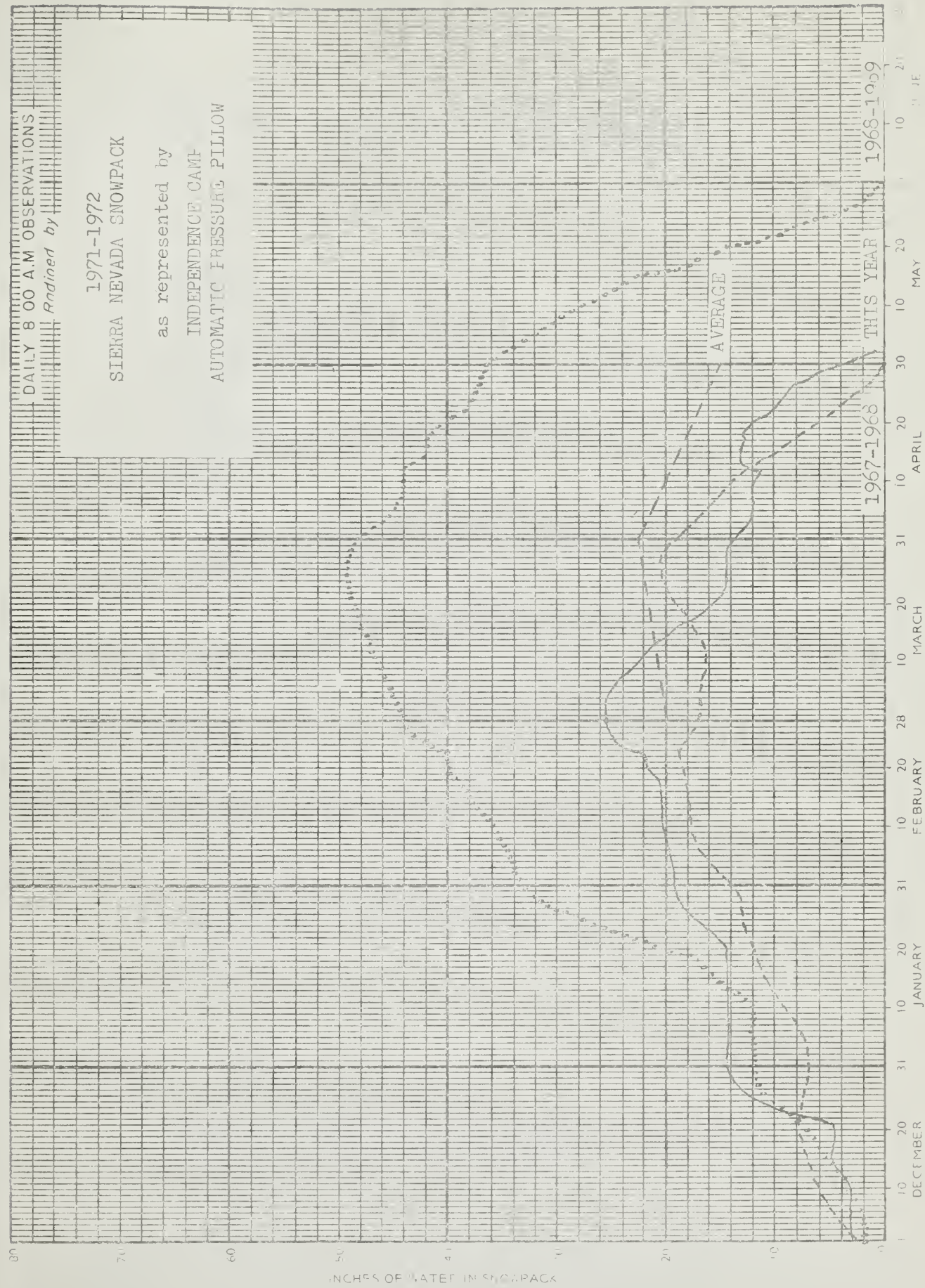
SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS		THIS YEAR		PAST RECORD		
DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME					Last Year	Average †
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>						
Bear Creek	4/30	60	24.0a	23.8a	19.4*	
Goat Creek	4/30	52	26.5a	29.7	18.2*	
Hummingbird Springs	4/30	106	42.4a	38.0	22.8*	
Pole Creek Ranger Station	4/26	71	28.4	31.9	21.6*	
Red Point	4/30	21	8.4a	15.0a	9.0*	
<u>UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>						
Fry Canyon	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	1.0*	
Green Mountain	4/27	5	2.0	8.0	-	
Lamoille #1	4/24	0	0.0	0.0	-	
Lamoille #2	4/24	0	0.0	2.6	-	
Lamoille #3	4/24	7	3.3	8.1	-	
Lamoille #4	4/24	31	13.9	26.9	-	
Lamoille #5	4/24	75	35.1	35.3	-	
Rodeo Flat	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	1.2*	
Tremewan Ranch	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	-	
<u>EASTERN NEVADA</u>						
Berry Creek	4/27	41	15.6	19.4	14.0*	
<p>NOTE: All averages based on 1953-67, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a-Aerial marker; water content estimated. * 1953-67 adjusted average.</p>						

† 1953-1967 period.

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